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In re Patent Application of)
Omar MESSLEM et al) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: Unassigned) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: August 8, 2001)
For: METHOD FOR DETECTING)
PORTABLE OBJECTS AND)
SYSTEM FOR CARRYING OUT)
SAID METHOD)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination and the calculation of filing fees, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, immediately following the title appearing on lines 1 and 2, insert the following:

--This disclosure is based upon, and claims priority from French Application No. 99/01521, filed on February 9, 1999 and International Application No. PCT/FR00/00230, filed January 31, 2000, which was published on August 17, 2000 in a language other than English, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Background of the Invention--